Oswald 'Double' Dies in Seclusion

DALLAS (UPI) — A man whose uncanny resemblance to Lee Harvey Oswald led to years of harassment by theorists and investigators of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy has died in self-imposed seclusion, relatives report.

Billy Nolan Lovelady, 41, worked with Oswald at the Texas School Book Depository and was photographed standing in the building's doorway when Kennedy was shot shortly after noon on Nov. 22, 1963.

Despite the Warren Commission's conclusion during its investigation of the assassination that it was definitely Lovelady in the doorway, little supportive evidence was ever offered. That led many conspiracy theorists to assert it was Oswald in the photograph, in support of their contention someone else was responsible for Kennedy's murder.

Attorney Kenneth Brooten, speaking for the family, said Lovelady died Sunday in Colorado. He would not reveal specifically where Lovelady died, saying he hoped to forestall any further inquiries.

The lawyer said there is no reason to doubt Lovelady died of natural causes, although he and several family members believe the constant pressure and questioning about the assassination contributed to Lovelady's decline.

Lovelady's wife, Patricia, refused to discuss the death.